

How Data Collected by the Census Bureau Work for Your Community

U S C E N S U S B U R E A U

Helping You Make Informed Decisions

- **American Community Survey (ACS)** Have you ever thought much about how or why new roads, schools, after-school programs, or hospitals are placed in your community? Why it took so long for your favorite restaurant to get to your neighborhood? What makes your community attractive to new businesses or tourists? The answers are in the numbers collected by the ACS. This survey doesn't count the population, but it does provide the data that reflect what the population looks like and how it lives.
- The **Current Population Survey (CPS)** is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey has been conducted for more than 50 years. The CPS is the primary source of information on the labor force characteristics of the U.S. population. CPS data are used by government policymakers and legislators as important indicators of our nations' economic situation.
- Data collected in the **Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE)** are published by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This information is the basic source of data for revising the types of consumer purchases to be priced for the Consumer Price Index. These data are also used in market research studies, economic research and consumer guidance materials.
- The **National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)** is the Nation's primary source of information on criminal victimization. The survey enables the Bureau of Justice Statistics to estimate the likelihood of victimization by rape, sexual assault, robbery, assault, theft, household burglary, and motor vehicle theft for the population as a whole, as well as for segments of the population such as women, the elderly, and other groups.
- By chronicling the Nation's health, the **National Health Interview Survey (HIS)** is an important resource in directing health expenditures in both public and private sectors. This study assists in planning programs for prevention, as well as control, of certain illnesses and disabilities.
- The main objective of the **Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)** is to provide accurate and comprehensive information about the income and participation of individuals and households in programs, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, in the United States. SIPP data allow the government to evaluate the effectiveness of federal, state, and local programs.

Thank You for Participating in Census Surveys

Throughout the decade, in addition to the every ten-year census, we are continually conducting surveys. These surveys provide a general view and comprehensive study of the social and economic conditions in the United States. Here is a list of some of the surveys we may be currently conducting:

American Community Survey

American Housing Survey

Current Population Survey

Consumer Expenditure Survey

National Crime Victimization Survey

National Health Interview Survey

Survey of Income and Program Participation

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/ahs.html>

<http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm>

<http://www.bls.gov>

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

<http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp>



**U.S. Census Bureau
Dallas Regional Office
8585 North Stemmons Freeway
Suite 800S**

Dallas, Texas 75247

Phone: 214-253-4481

Fax: 214-655-5365

Email: DARO.CENSUS@census.gov



United States at a Glance: 2004

Source: American Community Survey Profile 2004, U.S. Census Bureau

• Total Population	285,691,501
• Male	139,782,818
• Female	145,908,683
• Median Age	36.2 years
• White	216,036,244
• Black/African American	34,772,381
• American Indian/Alaska Native	2,151,322
• Asian	12,097,281
• Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	403,832
• Some other Race	14,824,724
• Hispanic/Latino	40,459,196
• Average Household Size	2.60
• Average Family Size	3.18
• Percent High School Grad or Higher	83.9 percent
• Percent Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.0 percent
• Median Household Income	\$44,684
• Median Family Income	\$53,692
• Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Unit	\$151,366
• Median Rent for Renter-Occupied Housing Unit	\$694